

Through God's abundant love we invite, welcome, and serve as a light in the world.

# Simple Spotlight

A Day in a Year at BLC FUNd Drive

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on May 4th

**Congregational Potluck** 

Summer Worship & Coffee Hour

**Penetcost Jazz Service** 

**Annie and Millie's Vet Clinic** 

**Youth Summer Camp at Sky Ranch** 

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#### **Rev's Revelations**

Most people only see pastors at work 54 days of the year (Sundays, Christmas, Easter) and they have even fewer opportunities to see other church staff at work. Many people never witness the little, day to day things, that take up the other 6 days of the week in our lives. Like...

- ...rescheduling the day and driving to the Boulder hospital to sit at a bedside.
- ...attending ball games and musical performances (sometimes only an hour after sitting at that bedside).
- ...emptying the dishwasher before Tuesday coffee...and wiping up counters and picking up trash leftover from the weekend.
- ...staging the sanctuary for Lent (or Advent, or Christmas, or baptisms, or funerals).
- ...writing accompaniment to the acclamation because nobody can find the original music.
- ...making friends with the supply store billing department.
- ...stopping in the middle of preparing a sermon or bible study or bulletin or calendar to answer the latest preschooler's (or retiree's) question about Jesus (or about where the toilet plunger is).
- ...stocking the menstrual products in the bathroom (on the way to plunge that toilet).

There are hundreds of little things that occupy church staff during the rest of the week—and these little things add up. Those things are our ministry, our work, too. And they are maybe more important than the big things—How many of us actually remember the last Christmas Eve Sermon? Confession: I don't! But, I remember the people I visited last month. I remember the young woman thanking me for a well stocked restroom at a funeral service. I remember seeing our youth spike

volleyballs and make passes and score points. Those little things matter. Those little things make us more than a house of worship. Those little things make us a community.

And that happens because of our general fund. (I know, that sounds pretty dry after all the heartwarming, community images, but stick with me.) Our general fund ensures our staff get paid to do this work, that we have toiletries in the restrooms, that we have soap for the dishwasher, that we have what we need to take care of each other in this space. Every year, we have a gap between our pledges to the general fund and our budget. Many years our actual income falls a little short. I'm told that is because, "People like to give to things they can see."

This year our Stewardship Team and Council are working hard to show our congregation more of the little things that happen behind the scenes and to show our staff and volunteers that all the little things really do matter by supporting them by supporting the general fund budget.

Please check out A Day In A Year at BLC on the next page (pg. 3) to learn how you can make the little, day to day, things make a difference in our community.

With love and peace,

RevKIC

PS: For some inspiration of what big things come from little things, read about the boy with five loaves of bread and two fish in John 6 or the widow in Luke 21 or the flour in 1 Kings 17.

PPS: I call dibs on the August 15 donation in honor of one of our devoted volunteers!



We can do this together! We can make sure all the "little things" Pastor Katie shared in *Rev's Revelations* continue to happen at Bethlehem. We know "small things lead to big things" and our small donations in this **FUN**d drive will produce significant results. Our Stewardship Team and Council are leading a fundraiser to celebrate everyday of the year and support the little things that make big differences in our community. The basic idea is that each day of the year is designated a dollar amount (\$1–\$365) and each donor gets to pick the day (or days) they'd like to sponsor. Let's have some fun while meeting our budget this year! So what number (or date) do you want?

What: A FUNd drive for Bethlehem Lutheran Church

**Why**: To close the gap between our pledges to the general

fund and our budget

**How**: Select a number from 1 to 365 and donate that

amount in dollars to BLC

Result: \$66,795 (1 to 365 add up to 66,795)

When: May 1, 2025 until the 2025 Annual Meeting

Who: All members and friends of Bethlehem

#### Ways to give:

- 1. The offering plate on Sunday (use special envelopes in pew)
- 2.BLC website (<a href="https://bethlehem-lutheran.net/donate/">https://bethlehem-lutheran.net/donate/</a>), select "Donate", "Calendar Drive"
- Mail a check to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, designate "BLC Fund Drive" (1000 15th Ave, Longmont, CO 80501)
- 4. Drop-off donation to church during office hours

Do you have a date that means something special to you? Do you have a special number between 1 and 365? Choose a day or date and donate that amount to BLC.

- Example: I have two children and their birthdays are January 24 and February 12. If I look at the fund drive calendar (posted in hallway near the fellowship hall) these dates are day 269 and day 288 so I would donate a total of \$557 to Bethlehem in their honor.
- Example: My favorite number is 44
  because I loved watching Chuck
  Foreman as running back for the
  Minnesota Vikings. I would then donate
  \$44 to Bethlehem.

We can have fun doing this as a community. It is an easy way to raise a significant amount of money but allows each person to choose an amount that financially works for them. Watch the calendar in the hallway on the way to the fellowship hall to see the numbers that are available. Let's get all 365 numbers taken as soon as possible. A handful of flour and a little oil in the jug goes a long way thanks to God (1King 17:12).

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#### **FAQ**

- What if 2 people take the same number? Yes, we will have some numbers taken more than once. We will then raise more than \$66,795 which is awesome.
- If I choose December 10th (day 224) do I need to wait until December 10th to make my donation? No. This fund drive is for this year's budget so we would like donation's as soon as it works for you.
- What if I want December 31st but I don't know which day that is? Email stewardship@bethlehem-lutheran.net and Cindy Thompson who has a copy of the 365 day calendar will email you back with the correct day (December 31 is day 245).
- Can I donate funds in honor of someone? Yes. Whether you donate in person at church using the pew envelope or online through Bethlehem's website, there is an area for you to designate who you would like to honor.

#### Member's Corner

Dearest BLC Church Family,

Words feel inadequate to express the depth of my gratitude for the incredible support, prayers, and love you have showered upon me and my family over these past several months. Navigating this reoccurrence of cancer has been a challenging chapter in my life, yet your unwavering presence has been an overwhelmingly positive force throughout it all.

Knowing that I am surrounded by your prayers has brought me comfort and strength during difficult moments. Your acts of kindness, both big and small, have touched my heart deeply and reminded me of the powerful sense of community we share. The love I've felt from each of you has been a constant source of hope and encouragement.

Thank you for being my rock, my prayer warriors, and my loving family in faith. Your support has truly made a difficult time feel positive in so many ways.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Matt



#### Worship

#### **Worship Volunteers**

As the Worship Chair for Church Council, I am tasked with finding volunteers for our weekly worship services. This involves an Assistant Minister, Communion Ministers, two Ushers, and two greeters. We also need AV people. Currently Matt James, Greg Schumann, and Bob Lee do all AV tasks, but I am sure they would love to add a couple of people to help with Sunday services. Training for all positions is available.



**Assistant Minister**: I have several people that volunteer for this and it is often a rush to sign up first. If you are interested, please let me know and I can add you to the list of volunteers. The only requirement is to be comfortable reading aloud in front of the congregation. Both Pastor Katie and I are available to help— if you ever get a reading with a difficult word to pronounce, just ask or wing it!

**Communion Ministers**: I ask for two at each service, but with the Assistant Ministers helping, we really only need 1. Pastor will serve the bread and wafers, then someone will serve the wine and juice. We will tell you what you need to say. Anyone can do it, young or old. It is a great way to meet the congregation.





**Ushers**: We need at least two for every service. You will need to arrive 15 minutes before service and handout the bulletins and welcome people with a nice "hello". During communion, one person will have the basket with communion cups, and the other person will have the basket to put the empties in. After the ushers take communion, they give the cups to the communion ministers. The other important job is

to count the attendance and record it in the usher's closet. During the summer, when we are outdoors, ushers will only do the communion and head count. Again, anyone can do this, young, old, male, female...

**Greeters:** We need two greeters for every service. It is a fun job because you just stand at the doors and greet people! You will need arrive at least 15 minutes before service begins. Once service begins, you can go inside and enjoy the service. During the summer, your roll is the same, greet people at the front as they go in.





**Outdoor Set-up & Take-down**: One other thing I will need during the summer is 3 or 4 people to help set up the chairs when we do the outdoor service and then help put them away. With a good team, it only takes 5 minutes or so

As you can see, there is plenty of opportunities for everyone to volunteer. Please let me know if you are interested and I will make sure you know what to do and get you on my volunteer list!

Thank you, Sabrina Lee Worship Chair

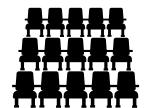
#### **Summer Worship**

Starting Sunday, May 25, we will switch to our summer worship schedule— a **single service at 9:15 a.m.** We will follow Sunday worship with our coffee hour at 10:!5 a.m. You can find more info about summer coffee hour on page 7.

#### **Outdoor Worship**

Below are the dates we will hold worship service outdoors.

- June 15
- July 13
- July 27
- August 10
- August 24



\*\* We need extra help this summer with chair setup and take-down for outdoor services. Contact Sabrina Lee if you are able to help with this \*\*

We will return to two worship service schedule on September 7.

#### **Special Summer Worship Services**

June 8 – Jazz service to celebrate Pentecost June 22 – New Member Welcome June 29 – VBS Celebration Service



#### **Nursery**

Before we switch to summer worship service schedule, we are open on Sunday's from 10:10 to 11:30 a.m. for the 10:15 a.m. service. In the summer, we will be open for the 9:15 a.m. service.

We are located in the preschool room and available to watch children 3 and under. If you are an adult and would like to volunteer, please see Sue Smith for more info.

#### MAY

#### May 4, 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

# May 11, 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

# May 18, 2025 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

# May 25, 2025 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, ONE SERVICE at 9:15 a.m.

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

#### **JUNE**

#### June 1, 2025 – 7th Sunday of Easter

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us.

#### June 8, 2025 – Pentecost, Jazz Service

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

# June 15, 2025 – Holy Trinity (Outdoor Service)

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

#### June 22, 2025

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

#### June 29, 2025 - VBS Celebration

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

#### **JULY**

#### July 6, 2025

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

#### July 13, 2025 (Outdoor Service)

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

#### July 20, 2025

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

#### July 27, 2025 (Outdoor Service)

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

#### **CARE Team**



#### **Summer Coffee Schedule**

Summer is coming and Bethlehem will be moving to one service at 9:15 a.m. The Neighborhood Groups will be providing goodies after the service.

With a single service we only have to serve after 10:15 a.m., and can clean up when the food and/or congregants are gone; it should not require as much time as previous summers.

### \*\*There are now 5 groups because the Gold and Red Groups have combined to form Magenta.\*\*

Please respond with coffee cakes, donuts, fruit, deviled eggs, bagels, and other morning treats when your Neighborhood Shepherd contacts you.

May 25	Magenta	
June 1	Orange	
*Celebrate High School Graduation*		
June 8	Teal	
June 15	Pink	
June 22	Purple	
June 29	Magenta	
July 6	Orange	
July 13	Teal	
July 20	Pink	
July 27	Purple	
August 3	Magenta	
August 10	Orange	
August 17	Teal	
August 24	Boy Scouts Breakfast	
August 31	Pink	

#### **Congregational Potluck**

The CARE Team is hosting a
Congregational Potluck dinner on
Wednesday May 14 from 5:30–7:00
p.m. It was suggested by council to
have a potluck once every quarter.
This will be the first event in
preparation for our 125th Celebration
in 2026. Bring a dish to share and your
own table service. Enjoy fellowship
with other church family members. For
questions call Shirley K. at 303-7756928 or Paul P. at 720-939-0719.



#### **Community**

#### **Vet Clinic**

Annie and Millie's Place is hosting a Vet Clinic for people experiencing homelessness on June 14. They will have a follow-up clinic scheduled for July 12 and will be set-up in the north parking lot at BLC.

#### The 11th Hour Project

is an Inter-Faith coalition of people who intend to build hope and actions that lead to solutions to the growing Climate Crisis. Join us at the BLC Bell Tower on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of each month at 11:00 a.m.

#### **Growing Gardens**

hosts open volunteer day every Friday morning for the community to help the farm. If you are interested in joining our dedicated volunteer crew, or just stopping by to learn more about our work, please email the farm manager at <a href="mailto:tim@growinggardens.org">tim@growinggardens.org</a>.

#### "Little Things" Lists

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There seems to be a theme around "little things" this spring/summer. Our council and staff have noticed there are some little things that we

could use some help with in the coming weeks. If you're able to help with any of these chores or gifts, please contact the person listed to coordinate:

#### Wish List

- Folding/collapsible wagon for Little Free Pantry (contact: Sue Smith)
- New picnic tables for the stable (contact: Glenn Summers before purchasing or constructing)

#### **Chore List**

- Removal of old filing cabinet (contact: Pastor Katie)
- Hang confirmation photos (contact: Nancy Tiff)
- Deep clean the library/fireside room (contact: Pastor Katie)
- Window washing (contact: Glenn Summers)
- Straighten up sanctuary (contact: Sabrina Lee)

#### **Property**

#### Solar update

The Solar Project is moving forward well. We are waiting for final permits from the city. Hopefully, construction will start late May or early June.

See council minutes for more property updates!

#### **Finance**



Monthly financial numbers will be sent out in the weekly email along with a link to the Council Meeting Minutes. They will be sent out at the end of the month once reports have been approved. You can

also find Council Meeting Minutes in the church office and the library in the fireside room.

## Financial Summary Reports Presented to Council are Available

Contact Greg S. (treasurer@bethlehemlutheran.net) for more information or with questions or suggestions. Printed copies of all the reports are available for review in the Fireside Room library.

As everyone gets busy with summer activities remember the church has activities and needs also so, please remember your faithful Giving.

#### **Giving Options:**

- If you are attending church put in the offering plate
- You can make an online donation at <u>bethlehem-lutheran.net/donate</u> (click on "Online Giving" icon or scan the QR code below)
- You can drop off your donation at the church office (M–F 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)
- You can mail your donation to: Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1000 15th Ave, Longmont CO 8050I

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Holste, Financial Secretary (<a href="mailto:financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net">financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net</a> or call 563-370-8464)



#### Faith Formation - Youth

#### From the Desk of the Faith Formation

**Director, Gary:** Our Word/Theme for the year is "Serve" and it represents our mission statement of who we are as a congregation.

#### **Children's Sunday School**

during the summer will be periodic. Please pay attention to weekly BLC emails.

#### Confirmation

will not meet in the summer.

#### Family/Traditions Sunday

will meet on May 4 at 11:45 a.m. to celebrate Quatro de Mayo (Cinco de Mayo)! We'll have a taco/ nacho bar and ask the congregation to bring chopped lettuce, chopped onions, chopped tomatoes, guacamole and corn tortillas. We'll end our fiesta with a piñata!

#### **High School Youth Group**

will meet on May 18 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. We will meet for fellowship, faith conversations and talk about our summer mission trip. We will have snacks, games and have a great time in discussions. ALL high school youth are invited.

#### The High School Summer Mission Trip

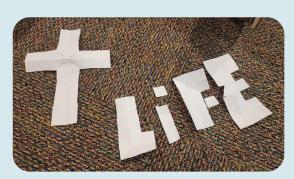
will leave on July 5 at 8:00 a.m. and return July 12. We will be going to Elkhorn, Nebraska to help the community after the 2024 tornados. Our youth will serve and represent BLC in our world by rebuilding homes that were destroyed. The high school youth would like to thank BLC members for their support and donations.

#### **Summer Movie Nights**

We'll host outdoor movie nights on various Fridays throughout the summer! Look in the weekly email and bulletin announcements for upcoming events!

#### **Easter Eggstravaganza Success!**

This year our annual Easter tradition was on April 19 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We began with the Easter story, followed with an egg hunt, and then served hot dogs, chips, and water. We had an amazing turnout of approximately 75 people. Thank you to Jamie Updegraff, Helen Knutson, Rick Green, and BLC youth for volunteering at the eggstravaganza. Thank you to the youth and adults who help stuff Easter eggs on Good Friday; we stuffed over 1200 eggs! Thank you to the whole congregation for your candy donations! The Easter story was hands on this year; Gary told it using an 8x11 piece of paper and pair of scissors (image below) – it was a hit!



#### **Sky Ranch Camp**

Our upper elementary and confirmation youth will be going to Sky Ranch from June 15–20. Registration is open so if you haven't signed up yet, please do! If you would like to provide a scholarship for a camper, please contact Gary in the church office in-person or by email at gary@bethlehem-lutheran.net

#### Vacation Bible School 2025

June 23–27, from 9:00 a.m. to noon Registration opens on May 1! For more info visit <u>bethlehem-lutheran.net/vbs</u> or contact Gary K.

#### Vacation Bible School | June 23-27

#### Registration

VBS Registration opens on May 1!

Our theme this year is "True North – Trusting Jesus in a Wild World" Each day we have a theme and a Bible Buddy to help us remember that we can trust Jesus!

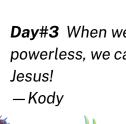


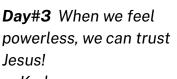


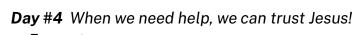
Day#1 When we wonder, we can trust Jesus!

— Ponder

Day#2 When we feel alone. we can trust Jesus! — Clawdia









**Day#5** When we need help, we can trust Jesus! — Bruce

#### We need donations!

You can find tags of items we need hanging on a tree in the narthex. These items are necessary for our youth to have a week full of fun learning that we can trust Jesus!

#### We also need volunteers!

Volunteer registration opens up on May 1 as well.

You can register and find out more info at <a href="https://bethlehem-lutheran.net/vbs">https://bethlehem-lutheran.net/vbs</a>

#### **Gather & Connect**

#### **First Friday**

- Friday, May 2 at Dave & Kathy Lobergs home
- Friday, June 6 at Garry & Barbara Gordon's home
- Friday, July 11 (second Friday) at Roger & Jane Lahman's home
- Friday, August 1 at Bob & Sabrina Lee's home Please use the church directory or Sunday bulletin for members' addresses. We meet at 6:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer and beverage to share. All adults are welcome. For questions call Shirley K.



#### Men's Group (LMM)

• May 3 at 9:00 a.m.

We invite all men to participate in this ministry. We will have breakfast followed by fellowship time with a short devotion. Please let Gary know if you are interested so that we have enough food for breakfast. We will have a discussion about summertime meetings.

#### **Table Talk**

 Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

All are welcome--you don't need to attend every week to be part of it.

Email pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net for more information. Visit <u>bethlehem-lutheran.net/ministries/adult/#table-talk</u>

#### **Manna Bible Study**

Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

We have a discussion and would love to have you join us. Please contact Phyllis W. (pkwright1360@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

#### **Quilting Group**

We meet on **Thursdays at 9:00 a.m**. and would love to see you there! You don't need any experience. Join us for an enjoyable morning and perhaps to learn something new!

#### **Bethlehem Book Club**

- May 8: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (f) by Mark Twain.
- June 12: James (f) by Percival Everett. Shedding new light on the

character Jim from Huckleberry Finn.

 July 10: The Frozen River (f) by Ariel Lawhon.
 Historical fiction based on the diaries of Martha Ballard, an 18th century midwife.

We meet at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. Contact Mary Jane at mjvoogt2003@yahoo.com to be put on the list to receive Zoom links and updates.

#### Naomi Circle

- Tuesday, May 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the youth room and on Zoom
- Tuesday, June 10 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the stable for an Ice Cream Get Together with Manna Bible Study and the Quilters
- We will not meet in July
  Our membership is open to
  all who are interested in
  joining us. Please contact
  Linda H. or Sue S. for more info.

#### **Brewsday Mornings**

We meet at 8:00 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month at BLC and 4th Tuesdays at a local establishment.



- May 13 at BLC and May 27 at TBD location
- June 10 at BLC (not meeting June 24 due to VBS)
- July 8 at BLC and July 22 at TBD location

#### Nicaragua Project

YOU WILL TRANSFORM AN IMPOVERISHED CHILD'S LIFE WHEN YOU GENEROUSLY SUPPORT BLC'S NICARAGUA CHILDREN'S PROJECT

The children will thrive for the next 6 months when these donations are made over and above the \$5000 match:

- (1) Donation of \$2000
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- (1) Donation of \$1000
- (4) Donations of \$500
- (2) Donations of \$300
- (12) Donations of \$250
- (8) Donations of \$150
- (25) Donations of \$100
- (10) Donations of \$50
- (4) Donations of \$25



#### To make a donation:

- Check written to Bethlehem-Nicaragua can be placed in the offering plates OR
- 2. Donate online at <a href="mailto:secure.myvanco.com/L-YXX6/home">secure.myvanco.com/L-YXX6/home</a>
  - Find the Nicaragua Project image and click on "Donate Now"

BLESS YOU FOR ENABLING THESE CHILDREN TO GROW AND THRIVE! The Nicaragua Project Board and all the children.

#### **Music Ambassadors**

We invite everyone to join us – if you can or can't sing, young or old. The residents at the Atria appreciate and enjoy our monthly visits. We meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month: May 11, June 8, July 13

# Habitat Build Volunteering

We are always looking for volunteers as we continue working at the Sugar Mill Development. Please sign up on the board in the narthex. See Bob Cotton for more info. Our next build day is Saturday, June 28.

# OUR Center Volunteers

BLC will be serving lunch at the OUR Center on May 4 and again on June 29. If you are a volunteer or would like to participate please let Bob Lee know.

#### Council



You can find the Approved Council Meeting Minutes, Consolidated Council Reports and Treasurer's Report in the church office or library in the fireside room. Each month's approved minutes will also be sent out in the weekly email since we are now transitioning to a quarterly newsletter.

#### **Keep those in your prayers**

**Members**: Nancy H., Doris S., Howard W., Janice H., Bob D., Ray L., Phyllis W., Steve W., Ava V., Sandy F., Matt J., Ilene R., Doris H., Gerry C., Patty F., Lydia M., Irene M., Doris C., Jamie A., Florence M., Coqui S., Paul P., Darlene B., Kristal H., Jeremy G., **friends and relatives of our community**: Joe G., Cassandra L., Don C., Linda M., Ilene M., Scarlett K., Michael S., Virginia, Yvonne A., Joann B., Brendan P., Katie P., Shawn M., Staci S., Lydia M.



#### **Local Resources**

If you need assistance during this time, there are several resources available:

- HOPE Longmont, located at: 804 Lincoln St. Longmont, CO 8050, (720) 494-4673
- THE OUR CENTER, located at: 220 Collyer St. Longmont, CO 80501, (303) 772-5529
- THE ROUND PANTRY, located at: Westview Presbyterian Church 1500 Hover St. Longmont, CO 80501, (303) 776-3242

#### **Church Office**



#### **Office Closures**

- Thursday, May 22-Monday, May 26
- July 4

#### **Upcoming Newsletter**

ALL items for August, September, and October are due by <u>July 20</u>! Please submit them to news@bethlehem-lutheran.net

#### **Email Scams**

When opening emails from church leaders, please check the sender's email address before responding. Many scammers will have typos or misspellings in their email addresses, names, or in the content of their email. Bethlehem emails will come from addresses at "bethlehem-lutheran.net". No staff or council member will email any individual asking for funds or gift cards.



#### **Home Communion and Visits**

Our Visitation Ministry Team loves to visit members in the comforts of their homes. If you would like us to bring you communion at home or just sit to chat, please call the office!

#### May

#### **Events**

- Worship Service: Sundays, 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday School: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
- Manna Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00 a.m.
- Table Talk: Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
- BLC Quilters Group: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- Men's Promise Keepers: Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.
- First Friday: May 2, 6:00 p.m.
- Men's Group (LMM): May 3, 9:00 a.m.
- Spring Tea: May 3, 2:00 p.m.
- OUR Center Lunch: May 4
- Visitation Ministry Meeting: May 4, 9:15 a.m.
- Traditions Sunday: May 4, 11:45 a.m.
- Book Club: May 8, 9:00 a.m.
- Nicaragua Board Meeting: May 10, 1:00 p.m.
- Mother's Day: May 11
- 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Project: May 11, 11:00 a.m.
- Music Ambassadors: May 11, 11:30 a.m.
- Staff Meeting: May 12, 9:15 a.m.
- Brewsday: May 13, 8:00 a.m.
- Naomi Circle: May 13, 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting: May 13, 7:00 p.m.
- BLC LOC Meeting: May 14, 10:30 a.m.
- Congregational Potluck: May 14, 5:30 p.m.
- High School Youth Group: May 18, 4:00 p.m.
- Prayer Shawl: May 20, 10:00 a.m.
- CARE Team Meeting: May 20, 6:00 p.m.
- Office Closed: May 22–26
- Summer Worship ONE SERVICE: May 25, 9:15 a.m.
- Summer Coffee Hour: May 25, 10:15 a.m.
- Brewsday: May 27, 8:00 a.m.

#### **Anniversaries**

- May 8 Bob & Sabrina Lee (49)
- May 9 Bob & Carol Dunkel (39)
- May 12 Mike & Sue Smith (53)
- May 13 Jesse & Sarah Demmel (25)
- May 16 Bud & Hillary Varas (5)

#### **Anniversaries**

- May 21 Roger & Jane Lahman (43)
- May 24 Dean & Patricia Wilder (45)
- May 25 Kirk & Debbie Moors (40)
- May 26 Bob & Patti Ritzen (46)
- May 27 Amy & Abe Payan (8)
- May 28 Howie & Shirley Wayne (65)

#### **Birthdays**

- May 2 Jean Flanagan
- May 3 Laina Carlson
- May 4 Billy James
- May 5 Bob Dunkel
- May 6 Carolyn Bloemker
- May 6 Patricia Wilder
- May 6 Angela Zhang
- May 7 Beverly Coody
- May 8 Bob Ritzen
- May 9 Corinne Herbst
- May 14 Carol Dunkel
- May 14 Amy Zigler
- May 16 Greg Schumann
- May 17 Deanna Hebbert
- May 18 Karen Aumann
- May 18 Darwin Wissink
- May 18 Kathy Loberg
- May 19 Kennar Bowman
- May 19 Theo Ditillo
- May 20 Heather Haukoos
- May 21 Paula Figgs
- May 21 Trudi Boaz
- May 22 Jill Grant
- May 24 Eli Bloemker
- May 25 Audrey Marquardt
- May 25 Jeremy Goodman
- May 27 Jan Stoffer
- May 29 Phil Goode
- May 29 Morgan Rawlins
- May 30 Claudia Byrne
- May 30 Mark Rehder
- May 30 Ava James

#### **Events**

- Worship Service: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
- Coffee Hour: Sundays, 10:15 a.m.
- Manna Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00 a.m.
- Table Talk: Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
- BLC Quilters Group: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- Men's Promise Keepers: Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.
- First Friday: June 6, 6:00 p.m.
- Pentecost Jazz Service: June 8, 9:15 a.m.
- Music Ambassadors: June 8, 11:30 a.m.
- Brewsday: June 10, 8:00 a.m.
- Naomi Circle Ice Cream: June 10, 10:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting: June 10, 7:00 p.m.
- BLC LOC Meeting: June 11, 10:30 a.m.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Project: June 11, 11:00 a.m.
- Book Club: June 12, 9:00 a.m.
- Annie Millie Clinic: June 14, 9:00 a.m.
- Sky Ranch Camp: June 15–20
- CARE Team Meeting: June 17, 6:00 p.m.
- Land Stewardship: June 17, 6:30 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School: June 23–27
- Habitat Build Day: June 28
- OUR Center Lunch: June 29

#### **Anniversaries**

#### Jun 2 Deanna & Roger Hebbert (52)

- Jun 3 Coqui & Mike Stetson (23)
- Amy & Eric Zigler (15) Jun 4
- Jun 5 Ben & Marcie Hushka (49)
- Jun 6 Brian & Marisa Carlson (16)
- Jun 10 Laura & Tim Steakley (30)
- **Jun 11** Mark & Greta Abromski (14)

#### **Jun 15 Duane & Joanne Larsen (67)**

- Jun 15 Neil & Amy Hebbert (12)
- Jun 17 Roxanne & Mike Kessler (47)
- Jun 17 Bryan & Mona Dirkes (25)
- Jun 19 Don & Myrna Wiser (49)
- Jun 19 Todd & Jean Propp (43)
- Jun 20 Jill Haney & Antonio Osborn (33)
- Jun 21 Todd & Pam Bischoff (55)
- Jun 21 Dave & Kathy Loberg (39)

#### **Anniversaries**

- Ryan & Andrea Kragerud (23) Jun 22
- Jun 23 Jill & Justin Woodley (13)
- Jun 29 Kennar & Melanie Bowman (23)
- Jun 29 Dru & Jaime Updegraff (23)
- Jun 29 Elise & Ryan Eidsness (24)

#### **Birthdays**

- Jun 1 Fred Fanton
- Jun 1 Don Wiser
- Jun 1 Mona Dirkes
- Jun 2 Roberta Fjeld
- Jun 2 Drake Steakley
- Jun 2 Matt Dickhans
- Jun 2 Lydia Carlson
- Jun 3 Sandy Frazer
- Jun 4 Dale Conrad
- Jun 5 Morgan Davidsen
- Jun 5 Lilyan Bruce
- Jun 9 Sandy Burrell
- Jun 9 Pat Goecke
- Jun 10 Luke Kunselman
- Jun 11 Barbara Gordon
- Jun 11 Clara Woodley
- Jun 14 Ed Byrne
- Jun 14 Todd Bischoff
- Jun 15 Troy Payne
- Jun 17 **Esther Woodley**
- Jun 18 Art Holm
- Jun 19 Candy Tiff
- Haley Reed Jun 20
- Jun 21 Garry Gordon
- Jun 21 Alec Hopp
- Jun 23 Logan Ditillo
- Jun 23 Cassandra Lee
- Jun 24 Amanda Dawson
- Jun 25
- Meghan Brunscheen
- Jun 25 Jill Updegraff
- Jun 29 Aaron Jurkovich
- Jun 30 Karsen Box

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- Worship Service: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
- Coffee Hour: Sundays, 10:15 a.m.
- Manna Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00 a.m.
- Table Talk: Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
- BLC Quilters Group: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- Men's Promise Keepers: Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.
- Office Closed: July 4
- High School Mission Trip: July 5–12
- Brewsday: July 8, 8:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting: July 8, 7:00 p.m.
- BLC LOC Meeting: July 9, 10:30 a.m.
- Book Club: July 10, 9:00 a.m.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Project: July 11, 11:00 a.m.
- First Friday: July 11, 6:00 p.m.
- Annie & Millie Clinic: July 12, 10:00 a.m.
- Music Ambassadors: July 13, 11:30 a.m.
- Staff Meeting: July 14, 9:15 a.m.
- CARE Team Meeting: July 15, 6:00 p.m.
- High School Youth Group: July 20, 4:00 p.m.
- Brewsday: July 22, 8:00 a.m.
- First Friday: August 1, 6:00 p.m.

#### **Birthdays**

- Jul 1 Stacia Marcoux
- Jul 2 Dion Borgmann
- Jul 2 Scott Hopp
- Jul 2 Lacey Urbain
- Jul 4 Melanie Bowman
- Jul 4 Molly Ritzen
- Jul 5 Karen Haag
- Jul 6 Jacob Coulson
- Jul 7 Rini Twait
- Jul 7 Dawn Reed
- Jul 8 Arline Sahl
- Jul 9 Eva Summers
- Jul 9 Kirby Judson
- Jul 10 Bryan Dirkes
- Jul 11 Crystal Coulson
- Jul 11 Mikayla Crespo

#### **Birthdays**

- Jul 14 Bobbie Goodman
- Jul 14 Andrew Dawson
- Jul 15 Becky Kasperbauer
- Jul 16 Alex Hoime
- Jul 17 Don Tiff
- Jul 17 Brent Buck-Gengler
- Jul 18 Kelly Neuhaus
- Jul 18 Paul Puebla
- Jul 20 Marcy Smith
- Jul 20 Andrew Hopp
- Jul 21 Emma Romaszewski
- Jul 22 Leanna Maki
- Jul 23 Laura Hoime
- Jul 24 Barb Payne
- Jul 25 Linda Holste
- Jul 25 Steven Dawson
- Jul 26 Gabriel Pemberton
- Jul 30 Neal Stoffer
- Jul 30 Ben Hushka
- Jul 30 Andrea Kragerud
- Jul 31 Audrey Dillan
- Jul 31 Alan Cobb

#### **Anniversaries**

- Jul 1 Garry & Barbara Gordon (58)
- Jul 3 Dan & Carolyn Kube (19)
- Jul 4 Cindy & Todd Tayler (38)
- Jul 4 Jake & Caitlin Tiff (6)
- Jul 6 Carl & Gail Schurman (51)
- Jul 7 Rod & DJ Christian (35)
- Jul 13 Joel & Carolyn Buck-Gengler (34)
- Jul 18 Robert & Doris Cotton (61)
- Jul 18 Duane & Diane Penny (44)
- Jul 19 Alex & Laura Hoime (23)
- Jul 21 Ray & Julie Leake (23)
- Jul 27 Luke & Emily Kunselman (23)
- Jul 30 Alex & Lydia Hebbert (13)
- Jul 31 Brian & Sandy Burrell (49)
- Jul 31 Aaron & Jamie Jurkovich (21)

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#### **Worship Services**

Sundays

8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

May 25-August 31 Sundays, 9:15 a.m.

#### **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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